1754 deaths confirmed so far, families of 851 deceased persons have already been given *ex-gratia* relief. A survey has also been undertaken to identify each affected family and while some families have already been granted the *ex-gratia* amount, this will be completed only after completion of the survey.

Ex-gratia payment is also being made for dead cattle. Upto June'85 such payments have been made in respect of 923 animals, out of 2916 animals that were reported to have died.

A special cell has been set-up under the Bhopal Collectorate to organise relief and rehabilitation and an officer of the rank of Addl. Chief Secretary has been appointed as Relief Commissioner.

632. [*Transferred to 7th August*, 1985.]

Compensation for Bhopal gas victims

633. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the negotiations between the Indian Government's lawyers and the Union Carbide Corporation on an agreement regarding the quantum of compensation offer made by the Union Carbide; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) It is not possible to indicate the progress and the details at this stage as these negotiations are being held under the umbrella and directions of the court, which have to be respected.

Manufacture of Mebendazole

634. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the manufacturers of Mebendazole formulations in the country as on the 30th June, 1985

(b) what are their sales turn over during the last three years; and

(c) whether there are some manufacturers whose prices are approved by Government and if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) The names of some leading manufacturers of Mebendazole formulations as on 30th June, 1985 and their trade sales turnnover as available are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Manuf cturer	Sales turnover during the year 1984 (Rs./lakhs)
1.	M/s. Cadila	107.79
2.	M/s. CIPLA	162.24
3.	M/s. Ethnor	41.36
4.	M/s. Biddle Sawyer	12.19

(c) Tre prices for Mebendazole formulations have been fixed for a number of manufacturers under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Sale of Mebex

635. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mebex is a widely used antalmintic drug essentiallly used by poorer section of the society;

(b) if so, what is the sales turnover of mebex during the last three years;

(c) what is the price of mebex approved by Government; and

(d) whether some manufacturers are marketing the drug without getting the price approved by Government and if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take against these manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Mebendazole is an Anthelmintic. This drug is one of the widely used drug for various type of worm manifestation. The formulations of Mebendazole are sold under different brand names and Mebex is the brand name of the Chemical, Industrial and Pharmaceutical Laboratories Limited, Bombay. The trade sales turnover of Mebex during the year 1984 was Rs. 162.24 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Details of the approved prices and the prices at which the manufacturers of leading brands of Mebendazole are selling the formulations are being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

CIPLA Limited and CIPLA

636. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIPLA Limited and CIPLA are DGTD units;

(b) what are the other SSI units having marketing arrangements with CIPLA Limited and CIPLA;

(c) what is the sales turnover of above mentioned companies during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the products manufactured by these companies are being marketed without price approval by Government; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) As per available information the Chemicals, Industrial and Pharmaceuticals Labs. Ltd. (CIPLA) are borne on the books of DGTD. The position whether CIPLA Limited and CIPLA exist as separate companies and their sales-turn-over during the last three years is being ascertained. There are reports that M/s. CIPLA are marketing the products of M/s. Okasa Pvt Ltd. The turn-over of M/s. Okasa Pvt. Ltd. is being ascertained so as to determine whether they fall within the purview of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. CIPLA have been requested to furnish the latest price list so that it can be scrutinised.

Sick fertilizer plants under Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

637. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the fertilizer plants in the eastern region under the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation are sick;

(b) if so, what are the details of performance of the fertilizer plants in this region during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government have made any attempt to find out the factors responsible for he crisis in the fertilizer plants in this region; and

(d) if so, what are the details and what are the remedial measures taken in this regard?